

## FIELD DAY EDITION

### 2016 ARRL FIELD DAY



The most popular on-the-air operating event in Amateur Radio. Gear up and get in on the action!

**Participate in your local  
ARRL Field Day June 25-26, 2016  
All are Invited!**

### ACADIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

ARRL Field Day 2016  
at the

**HORSE FARM**

June 25-26, 2016

2913 Johnston Street  
Lafayette, LA 70503

ARRL Field Day — [www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay)  
2016 ARRL National Parks on the Air — [www.arrl.org/NPOTA](http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA)

## DESTINATION

Since the end of Hamfest in March, many members have greatly anticipated the next major club event that we participate in every year, Field Day. We will take our operation to the Horse Farm, just as last year, and participate with other Amateur Radio Operators across the continent for a full 24 hours of on the air fun. Operating as Class 4A with GOTA, we will have plenty of equipment both operational and available for anyone who wishes to participate.

Of course, Field Day isn't the only major event occurring in June. Hurricane season starts June 1 and will carry on through November. So as we prepare the club inventory of batteries and generators for Field Day, it would be a great time to perform your own battery and generator checks. Stock up on drinking water, batteries, non-perishable food, gasoline, propane, and any other emergency preparedness items, BEFORE anything approaches our area. Don't forget to have an emergency power source for your rig.

The anticipation has been building and the location is set. The trailers and trunks will be loaded, the coax and cords will be laid, the antennas will be strung, the supports will be raised, and the last full weekend in June we shall meet at the HORSE FARM, you will have to bring your own shade.

Mark  
W5GTI  
AARA President

## JUNE 2016 AARA GENERAL MEETING

The AARA will hold it's June General Club meeting on June 2, 2016 at 7PM at the Red Cross Building, on 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana. AARA Board meeting at 6PM and VE testing at 6PM.

**All AARA members are encouraged to attend.**

# AARA May General Meeting Minutes

5 MAY 2016

Ramona KG5HNO

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mark W5GTI. New members and members who did not attend last month's meeting were asked to introduce themselves by call sign.

Larry KE5KJD made a motion to accept the minutes of the April Board Meeting as published in the LARC and Bob K5IVR seconded the motion. All approved.

Danny KD5JSM made a motion to accept the minutes of the April General Club Meeting as published in the LARC and Priscilla K5PCL seconded the motion. All approved.

Tom W5OHJ gave the Treasurer's report. Paula KF5CNS made a motion to accept the report, Fred W5MLE seconded the motion. All approved.

The remaining unclaimed club t-shirts were sold at the meeting by Sandy KE5KJF.

Archie W5AG gave a presentation on solar panels and how they can be used for ham radio and other electrical things that we use in our everyday life.

## OLD BUSINESS:

New Member Packets: These are now online on our website for new members to check out.

Antenna at Children's Museum: This is still in the works as of now to be done on a club work day event.

Certificate of Appreciation: Nominations for the AARA Certificate of Appreciation can be made to the AARA Board at any time. Nominations should include a brief summary for the nomination, either written or verbal. The Board will vote on the nominations and have final approval. If approved, the certificate will be awarded at the next general club meeting if the recipient is a club member and in attendance. This change was made to prevent members from being in a position of vot-

ing against fellow members. All approved of the change.

National Parks on the Air: This will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the Jean Laffite Park. AMOS II will be on site along with the club's antenna for transmitting during the park hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. We will operate under the W5DDL call sign.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Field Day will be held at the Horse Farm on June 25 and 26, 2016. We need to generate 10 radio messages for Field Day to receive points for the messages. Please send your messages in NTS Traffic form via email to Herman KN5GRK.

Band captains will need people to help them set up and tear down for this event. Logging software will be used during Field Day to make logging easier and faster. No open flames will be allowed at the Horse Farm. Remember to bring your headphones, ear buds, and bug spray. We will be working different bands and members are encouraged to bring their go kits as well.

Hamfest Bingo: Sandra Allen has graciously stepped up to take over the bingo for next year's Hamfest. She will also be providing the bingo prizes for the coming year's bingo. She will need some volunteers to help out during the Hamfest Bingo.

Jackie KF5PCH proposed renting a bus to attend the Orlando Hamfest in Orlando, FL. We could rent a bus and go as a club, the total cost per person for the trip and hotel stay would be about \$511, which also includes passes to get into the Hamfest. In order to get this rate we would need a full bus load of 56 people. There are several restaurants close to the hotel with free shuttle service to and from the Hamfest provided by the hotel. For those who have trouble walking at the Hamfest there are scooters to rent.

The roof at the Red Cross building has been fixed and some of our members helped replace the ceiling tiles and also did other general cleanup duties.

Door Prizes: Ramona KG5HNO said that she would be in charge of the monthly door prizes and encouraged members to bring in gifts and she would take care of stor-

## AARA OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

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Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP

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Fred Marshall W5MLE

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP

ing and making sure the gifts are brought to the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Leblanc, from the Military Hall Of Fame Museum in Abbeville, LA was a guest speaker after the meeting. He introduced members to the Museum and provided forms requesting Louisiana veteran information for a database he is compiling for the Museum.





# FIELD DAY

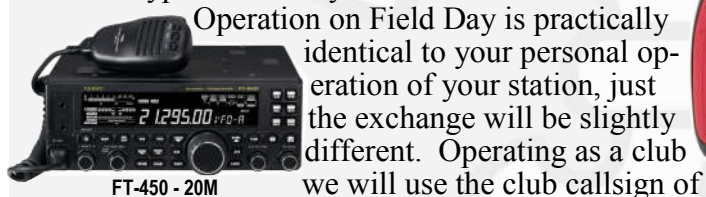


# FOUR ALPHA LIMA ALPHA

Mark W5GTI

Since the very first ARRL Field Day in 1933, Amateur Radio Operators gather every year in the month of June to participate in the largest emergency communications exercise in the country. The goal is to set up amateur radio stations in remote locations, using non-commercial power, and make as many contacts as possible in a 24 hour period. Involving the US and Canada, Field Day is the largest and most active simultaneous Amateur Radio event of each year.

Field Day is primarily focused on emergency communications, operating portable, and using emergency power, but there is a contesting element, this helps us determine the effectiveness of our station and operation. As with any contact or QSO, information is exchanged to confirm the contact, and to describe the station you are operating from along with the type of station you made a contact with.



FT-450 - 20M

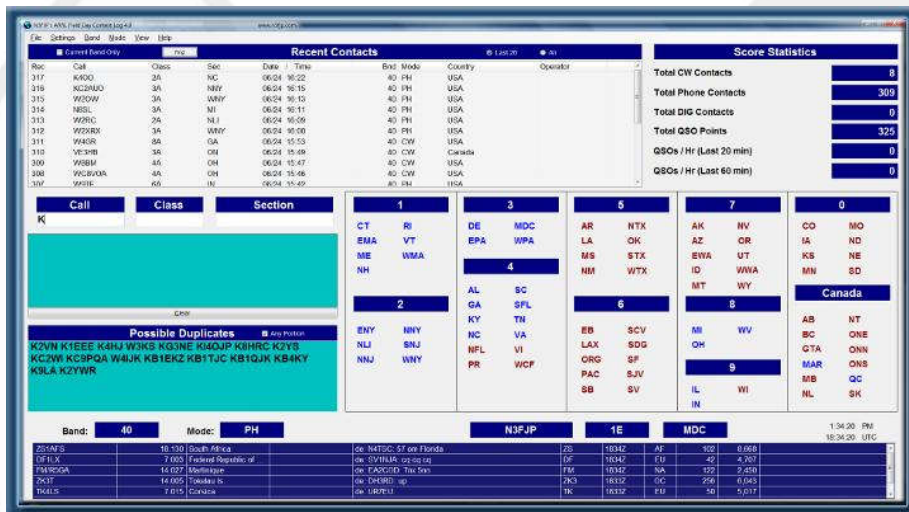
Operation on Field Day is practically identical to your personal operation of your station, just the exchange will be slightly different. Operating as a club we will use the club callsign of W5DDL (phonetically) for all contacts, with the exception of the GOTA (Get On The Air) station....*more on that later*. The club will be operating a Class 4A station, which means 4 transmitters operating simultaneously on non-commercial power (hence the "A"). In our case we will be using generators, batteries and solar panels. The GOTA station will be using the callsign W5EXI (phonetically) and since it is operating as our GOTA, will also classify itself as a 4A station. This station is primarily for newly licensed amateur operators, inactive amateur operators, and is also used to introduce the general public to Amateur Radio in a hands on approach.

The information exchange for our club will be W5DDL 4A LA (phonetically). The 4A is our class, and LA is our section (Louisiana).

Some states have been broken into different sections so you may hear multiple sections from the same state. Good examples are California, Florida and Texas, but you will learn quickly.



WRT54G - MESH



To make our logging easier, we will be using logging software specifically written for Field Day.

The N3FJP software will be running on a computer at each of the 5 stations, and using a MESH network, all computers will be linked and all contacts collected into a central database. This makes it much easier to log accurately and each station can monitor the other stations activity. But, as with anything else, paper logs will be on hand as a back-up, the computer log is just for convenience.

Each station will be assigned a Band Captain to setup the station, assist with operating, and handle any technical difficulties that might arise during the course of the event. If you wish to bring your own portable gear and operate, you are more than welcome to do so, as long as we stay in the 4A classification during the activities. For our operation, band allocation is handled through a band binder. You must have the corresponding band binder at your station to operate on that band, exceptions are GOTA and DIGITAL.



TS-570 - BACKUP

If you would like to participate in the biggest Amateur Radio event of the year, join us June 25-26 at the Horse Farm, for 24 hours of FUN!! RV's and tents are welcome and remember to bring your own shade.



FT-990 - GOTA

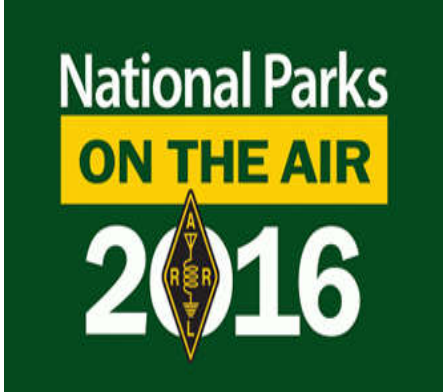


# AARA Participates In ARRL National Parks On The Air

Mark W5GTI

On May 7, 2016, the AARA participated in the ARRL's National Parks On The Air (NPOTA). Operating from the Jean Lafitte Historical Park (HP-17) in Lafayette, LA, with AMOS II and the Antenna trailer, the club made 247 contacts around the country to commemorate the National Park. With great weather, it was the first time operating AMOS II in a club event, and the Antenna Trailer setup was very easy, going from a dead stop to on the air in 20 minutes—WOW!!!

Thanks to all who participated.



All Photos - KN5GRK



# ARMED FORCES DAY SPECIAL EVENT

Mark W5GTI

All Photos - KF5FNP

On May 21, 2016, the AARA held a Special Event to commemorate Armed Forces Day. Several AARA members operated portable stations from the grounds of the Military Hall of Fame Museum in Abbeville, LA. The weather was great, the participation was good, and the Museum exhibits have very interesting stories behind them. The bands were not all that great, however, we did manage to make approximately 200 contacts and were able to get those not familiar with HF on the bands. Thanks to Paul N5KNY for suggesting the event, we will definitely have to do this again.

You can find out more about the Military Hall of Fame Museum at:

<http://www.lamilitarymuseum.com>



Danny KD5JSM on 17M



Paul N5KNY on Digital



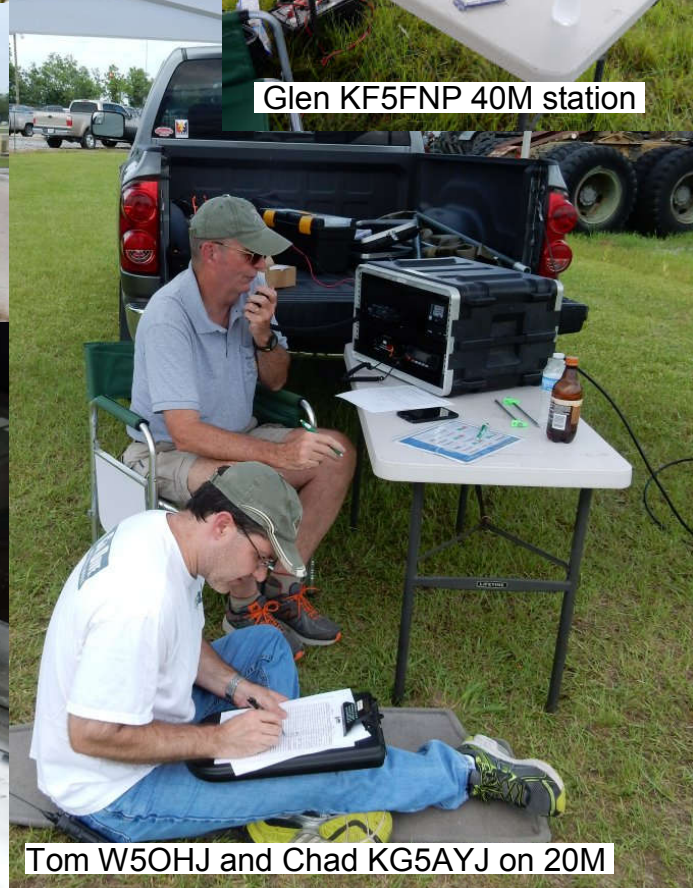
Glen KF5FNP 40M station



Now THAT is a generator mount.



Owen KG5JTA on 15M



Tom W5OHJ and Chad KG5AYJ on 20M



## Local VHF/UHF Nets

### Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
Repeater Rotation—Check Calendar

### Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

### Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 7:00 PM  
145.410 Lydia, LA

### Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA



### Apply your hobby to Public Service

To find out more, contact an AARA member, and we will inform you of how you can help in times of emergency.

## VE Test Session

May 5, 2016

### Earning TECHNICIAN:

Monica Gros - New Iberia KG5NLO

### Earning GENERAL:

Kenneth Gros - New Iberia KG5NLN  
William Carney KG5NCA - Lafayette

### VE's:

Greg K5LFT, Galen KF5BET, and Ric KF5KEL

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## FCC AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING

VE Test sessions are held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6PM, before the AARA General Club meeting, at the Red Cross building on 101 N. Pat St. Scott, LA

National Parks  
**ON THE AIR**  
2016

### National Parks on the Air

Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public.

This looks like another year long event. Should be fun!

See the website for rules and information at:

<http://www.arrrl.org/npota>

The AARA will participate in the National Parks On The Air event again with another Special Event. Date and location to be determined. Keep watch for upcoming information in your email and in the

LARC

# WANTED

### AARA Monday Night Net Manager/Controller

The AARA Monday Night Net will be available to any AARA member who wishes to be a Net Manager or Net Controller for the Monday Night Net starting January 2, 2017.

This can be done by one person or a group of people. The Net Manager would coordinate the Net for each Monday Night ensuring a Net Control is available to call the Net, maintain records of each Net, such as number of sessions, number of check-ins, total Net time, traffic total, and at the end of each month, submit this information for publication in the *LARC*. Only one Net Manager is required for the Net.

The Net Controller would conduct the Net each Monday Night, by taking check-ins, providing announcements and other amateur radio related information, and then provide totals of sessions, check-ins, time, and traffic to the Net Manager. There can be more than one Monday Night Net Controller. One of the Net Controllers can serve as Net Manager.

If you would like to participate in the continuation of the AARA Monday Night Net, please contact me for more information.

Mark  
W5GTI

## AARA STICKERS



The AARA has 2" x 3" vinyl stickers featuring the AARA Logo, available for purchase by club members. The stickers are \$2 each (no limit) and are available at each General Club meeting.



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## MAY 2016 ACADIANA AREA VHF/UHF NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	74	0	136	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	81	0	141	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	30	0	94	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Net	3	40	0	80	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

### AARA Monday Night Net Repeater Rotation

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
JUNE 6	7:00 PM	147.420 Simplex	None
JUNE 13	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5
JUNE 20	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5
JUNE 27	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL/R	None

\*\*\* When using the 145.370 SkyWarn Repeater System, be sure to use the PL Tone for your area as follows:

Lafayette 103.5 - NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The monthly net schedule can be viewed, downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/calendar.pdf>

The top 10 check-ins for 2016 will have their callsign entered into a drawing for a new Dual Band HT.



6/5	KAREN	KE5RPI
6/6	MARK	KE5NTW
6/7	JOE	K5VXX
6/11	SANDY	KE5KJF
6/15	MIKE	W5SIY
6/21	THERON	KG5KZH
6/23	DON	NJ5X



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***Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.***

- Douglas MacArthur

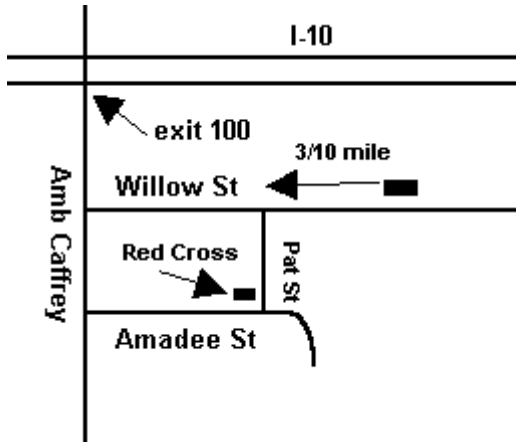
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## Beef Nacho Casserole

Allrecipes.com

### Ingredients:

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1lb Ground Beef                           | 1/2 Teaspoon Chili Powder     |
| 1-1/2 Cups Chunky Salsa                   | 2 Cups crushed Tortilla Chips |
| 1 Can Whole Kernel Corn                   | 2 Cups Colby Cheese           |
| 3/4 Cup Salad Dressing (ie: Miracle Whip) |                               |

### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place ground beef in a large skillet over med-high heat. Cook, stirring to crumble, until evenly browned. Drain grease. Remove from heat and stir in salsa, corn, salad dressing and chili powder into the beef.
3. In a 2 quart casserole dish, layer the ground beef mixture, tortilla chips, and cheese twice, ending with cheese on top.
4. Bake for 20 minutes uncovered in the preheated oven, and dish is thoroughly heated.

## FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

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